



TARGET RIFLE AUSTRALIA LIMITED

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National Sporting Organisation controlling Smallbore and Air Rifle shooting in Australia

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LEAD HANDLING GUIDELINES

Lead is a highly toxic metal which can be absorbed into the body by ingesting, breathing in or absorption through the skin. The human body has great difficulty in expelling lead from its system, therefore lead concentration in the body have a cumulative effect.

Target Rifle Australia Ltd. recommends the following general safety precautions when handling lead:

HANDLING OF BULLETS AND AIR PELLETS:

- Do not eat whilst shooting.
- Wash hands immediately after shooting or handling bullets/air pellets and before eating.
- Handle bullets and air pellets as little as possible.

CLEANING OF STOP BUTTS AND BULLET/PELLET CATCHERS

- Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment when handling lead (i.e. clothing, gloves and a breathing mask).
- Store lead in adequate containers in a designated storage area.
- As lead is very heavy, ensure containers are not overfilled.
- Dispose of lead as soon as possible.
- Wash exposed skin after handling lead, emptying bullet/pellet catchers or cleaning stop butts.
- Wear gloves, a breathing mask, a long sleeved shirt and long trousers when emptying bullet/pellet catchers.
- Disposable protective suits, gloves and breathing masks should be made available to members for these tasks and should be disposed of after use.
- Clothing worn whilst cleaning the butt areas should be removed and washed as soon as possible.